

## **Maple Grove Citizens Advisory Committee**

### **Meeting Minutes**

**October 9, 2013**

#### **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Acting CAC Chair John Beacham at 7:05 p.m.

#### **Members Present**

John Beacham	Leslie Bender	Stephen Gill
Lorraine Gresser	Greg Hulne	Steven Maas
Joan Masberg	Harry Kennedy	Joe Piket
Kevin Rebman	Don Skoglund	

#### **Members Absent**

Bob Joiner, Tim Klevar

#### **Others Present**

CAC City Staff Liaison Mike Opatz

#### **Minutes**

The minutes for the August 5, 2013 meeting were approved.

#### **Oath of Office**

CAC member Greg Hulne took the oath of office.

- Leslie Bender: Why is the trail so close to the new traffic circle at 101<sup>st</sup> Avenue-trail?
- Greg Hulne: When driving southbound on Hemlock to eastbound Bass Lake Road it creates a blind approach and there are many near accidents. Can this be improved?
- Leslie Bender: Does the City get involved if there are frequent power outages in cluster areas like what is happening in the Boundary Creek neighborhood.
- Joe Piket: When traveling Dunkirk Lane northbound to Weaver Lake Road the “right turn only” sign (with red flag) is covered by tree branch.

#### **Area Reports**

- Can the Police monitor the placement of realtor signs on weekend at Dunkirk and Weaver Lake Road and 89<sup>th</sup> and Dunkirk? Realtors leave their cars in the middle of the road with flashers on while they post the signs at Dunkirk and Weaver Lake Road and 89<sup>th</sup> and Dunkirk making for traffic safety hazards.
- John Beacham: The on ramp to southbound Highway 169 from 77<sup>th</sup> Avenue is in disrepair. Does MNDOT have plans to upgrade that area?
- John Beacham: Can we get an update on the Sports Dome finances and usage numbers from 2012/2013 season?
- Joe Piket: Can we get an update on the 2014 proposed City budget and any tax increase to homeowners?

- Is MNDOT proposing a dynamic shoulder lane for the I-494 area from Maple Grove through Plymouth? If yes, what is a dynamic shoulder lane?
- Joan Masberg: Any updates on getting Highway 610 Funding?

**Update from  
CAC City Staff  
Liaison Mike  
Opatz**

Mike Opatz reviewed a number of topics from City Administrator Al Madsen's Council Update of October 7, 2013.

**Review Final  
Citizen Survey  
Report**

CAC members discussed the following topics from the Citizen Survey:

- Should benchmarks be scrutinized more closely from the previous survey? Should we purchase the extra service from NRC to further analyze the benchmark data ?
- City needs to market the positive aspects of Maple Grove by establishing a recurring medium to send out certain aspects of the survey.

CAC liaison Mike Opatz stated that the survey report is on the City Website, winter newsletter, Cable 12, and Maple Grove Patch.

**Future CAC  
Meeting Topics**

CAC Members discussed the following topics as future work plan ideas:

- Youth Sports Commission: CAC member Harry Kennedy suggested that CAC study youth sports and their respective organizations. Research if a Youth Sports Commission as a city advisory committee would be in the best interest of the youth and the City as a whole. Many problems in youth sports have been surfacing from parent behavior, playing time equity, use of facilities, sport specialization, and concussions. Maple Grove is getting a bad reputation. Given the use of City facilities, funds, and name, the City should be more involved. The CAC would like to receive a general update from the various youth sports associations. Discussion took place regarding what are the issues, and what is the experience that the Maple Grove youth are receiving. At the conclusion of the discussion, CAC member Kennedy is going to do some research to present a proposal to CAC how this topic could be handled by CAC. He will develop an outline of goals, plans, and outcomes of CAC activities on this topic.
- Convention Center: CAC member Kevin Rebman brought up the topic of a Maple Grove Convention Center. A lot of convention business is going to Minneapolis, Brooklyn Park and St. Cloud. There is a natural market that the City could tap into. CAC is seeking approval from the City Council to further research this

topic.

**Other Business  
and Updates**

None

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Greninger  
Minute Secretary